

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we believe that we live each moment of the day in Your presence. We also believe that Your help, which is always available to us for the asking, enables us to deal wisely and thoughtfully with the items on our day's agenda, personal and legislative. Grant us the wisdom to recognize the many human and spiritual needs of both constituents and of all the people in this Commonwealth. In our diverse communities with a diversity of cultural, family, social and ethical issues, inspire us to work together to strengthen, to stabilize and to encourage responsibilities and loving family life in our Commonwealth.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Candaras), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Olavo B. deMacedo.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Olavo B. deMacedo on over a decade of service and dedication to the town of Kingston, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Becket, Sherwood Greens.

Mr. Guyer of Dalton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4811) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., relative to the Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District in the town of Becket; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Hopkinton, school construction.

A Bill authorizing certain terms for borrowing by the town of Hopkinton for construction of school buildings (Senate, No. 2070) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed

by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to grant certain retirement credit to Robert W. Noseworthy for services rendered to the town of North Reading. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Robert W. Noseworthy, retirement.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating a commission to regulate commercialism in the public schools (House, No. 1126).

Public schools, commercial ventures.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Resolve providing for a special commission to make an investigation relative to protecting the archaeological, geologic and fossil resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1271, changed in line 34, by striking out the figure: "2006" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "2007").

Archaeological, geologic fossil.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3241, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study relative to a community based recycling program (House, No. 4805).

Recycling program.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a special committee to study the oversight and responsibility for responding to statewide emergencies (House, No. 1918).

Statewide emergencies, study.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Children and Families, on House, No. 2930, a Bill relative to accountability and wage parity of community direct care workers for persons with mental retardation (House, No. 4806). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Sheet metal workers.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3342, a Bill licensing sheet metal workers and sheet metal contractors (House, No. 4807).

Mental retardation providers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3439, a Bill relating to professional engineers and land surveyors (House, No. 4808).

Engineers and surveyors.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to require filed sub-bidders to participate in the requirements governing reservation of a portion of the work on public construction contracts for minority and women business enterprises (House, No. 1654).

Sub-bidders, minorities and women.

Construction
contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the determination of the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for certain public construction contracts (House, No. 1661).

Public
buildings,
ventilation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to regulate public buildings to meet certain air quality ventilation standards (House, No. 3459).

State
buildings,
ventilation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide minimum ventilation in state leased and newly constructed state buildings (House, No. 3460).

Open
meeting
law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1771 and House, Nos. 3518 and 3519, a Bill to further enforce the open meeting law (House, No. 4809).

Custom
Vehicle
inspection.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the registration and inspection of street rods and custom vehicles (House, No. 2212).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Topsfield,
beer and wine
license.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4268, a Bill authorizing the town of Topsfield to grant a second license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4810) [Local Approval Received].

Helmets,
ski and
snow-
boarding.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of safety helmets for persons sixteen years of age and under while operating alpine skis and snowboards (House, No. 1408).

Volunteer
fire
fighters.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to protect volunteer firefighters from unreasonable discharge from employment (House, No. 590).

Boxborough,
group
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the group insurance program of the town of Boxborough (House, No. 4077) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,
Dennis
Mullen.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill for a special law re: the retirement of Dennis Mullen (House, No. 4419) [Local Approval Received].

Low-income
seniors, tax
exemptions.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to create an exemption for low-income seniors from Proposition 2½ overrides (House, No. 2341).

Tow
exemption,
repeal.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3 and 7, a Bill repealing tow exemption (House, No. 7).

Trash
exemption,
repeal.
Uniform
procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3 and 8, a Bill repealing trash exemption (House, No. 8).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to vendors and services under the Uniform Procurement Act (House, No. 4341).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham being in the Chair), the House recessed until two o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Ms. Candaras in the Chair. Recess.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham) honoring the contributions of pharmacists and the third annual "Face of Pharmacy Day in Massachusetts", were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Face of
Pharmacy
Day.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Recess.

At two minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past three o'clock; and at seventeen minutes before four o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair. Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill extending simulcasting for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4804), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
sitting.

At ten minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.